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Mr. Kenneth N. Weinstein
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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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Washington, D.C. 20590

OFFICE OF DEFECTS
INVESTIGATION

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Dear Mr. Weinstein:

The following information is submitted in accordance with the defect reporting regulations in Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 573.

1. Name of Manufacturer and Importer

Manufacturer: GM Daewoo Auto & Technology Company

Importer: American Suzuki Motor Corporation

2. Identification of Motor Vehicles Involved

Affected vehicles are all 2004 model year Suzuki Verona passenger cars produced prior to August 27, 2003. Inclusive dates of manufacture for the affected vehicles are from June 16, 2003 through August 26, 2003.

3. Total Number of Motor Vehicles Involved

4,548

4. Percentage of Motor Vehicles Estimated to Contain the Defect

All affected vehicles will receive the recall remedy, but only approximately 2% of affected vehicles are estimated to actually contain the defect.

5. Description of Defect

Affected vehicles may have a mislocated sensor in the driver's seat belt buckle assembly. This condition can prevent the driver's seat belt tongue from being inserted into the buckle.

6. Chronology of Principal Events

August, 2003 - The manufacturer detected a problem with the buckle during the manufacturer's production line inspection process.

7. Description of Corrective Action

American Suzuki Motor Corporation ("ASMC") will conduct a safety-related recall campaign to replace the driver's seat belt buckle assembly in affected vehicles. According to ASMC's records, fewer than 25 affected vehicles were sold at retail prior to ASMC's issuance of a stop sale notice to dealers. Owners of affected vehicles will be notified by telephone about the recall. ASMC anticipates that owner notification will be completed before the end of September, 2003.

8. Copy of Notices


Enclosed is a copy of an electronic message sent to Suzuki automotive dealers on August 28, 2003, instructing them to stop sales of affected vehicles. Copies of other notices will be provided when they have been finalized.

9. Suzuki Campaign Number

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Sincerely,

AMERICAN SUZUKI MOTOR CORPORATION



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08/28/03 **Important:**

STOP SALE OF VERONA

Unfortunately we must inform you of a safety defect in the front seat belts of the new Verona.

It is important that you, our dealer do not put these vehicles in use or sell them at retail until further notice from American Suzuki Motor Corporation.

We are working as quickly as possible to resolve this Issue and provide our dealers with the necessary improved parts and installation procedures.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this matter.

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